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## MACOMB COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO SURVEY RESIDENTS

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich. – The Macomb County Health Department will be conducting a countywide survey of 1,000 households over the next few months to develop a health profile of Macomb County residents.

Household members will be interviewed about a variety of factors that influence health and health status. The information will be incorporated into an overall community health profile and eventually will be available to the public, health care providers, researchers and professional associations.

"The capacity to produce, analyze and communicate accurate information is absolutely critical to improving quality of life and reducing preventable illnesses, injuries and deaths in Macomb County," said Tom Kalkofen, Health Department director. "Through its community health assessment strategies, the Health Department is committed to providing health decision makers with valuable tools."

The survey – to be conducted during June, July and August – will examine behavioral issues such as exercise, smoking and nutrition as well as preventative activities such as immunization and cancer screening rates. All information will be strictly confidential.

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"Participation in the survey is voluntary, but we urge Macomb County residents who receive a call to help us out by taking a little time to answer the questions," Kalkofen said. "If you unable to complete the survey at the time you are called, you can set up an appointment for a more convenient time. This is important to ensuring that the services are available to meet the specific needs of Macomb County."

For more information call the Health Department at 586-469-5235.

## **About Macomb County**

Macomb County is an enriching community in Southeastern Michigan that has one of the state's fastest rates of growth. Its 825,000 residents make it Michigan's third-largest county, with direct access to Lake St. Clair and Anchor Bay, and a host of cultural and entertainment options. Its highly skilled workforce and investment in new and expanding businesses make it open to enterprise. Active civic leadership translates into balanced budgets and Michigan's second-lowest tax rate. An increasingly diverse population and high quality of life make Macomb County accessible to all.